## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 328
Bill #: SB 47
Document ID #: 668
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to voting.
Sponsor: Senator Julie Raque Adams
Unit of Government: X City X County Urban-County Unified Local
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

## Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

SB 47 changes the time which a polling place shall remain open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The polls will continue to open at 6 a.am. This is for any primary, regular, or special election.

The Kentucky County Clerks Association has concerns that asking precinct officers to serve an additional 2 hours from a 13-14 hour day to a 15-16 hour day is unrealistic and would be counter-productive to a well-executed election at the precinct level.

Extending the voting hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. would be an extra cost to the clerks, mostly in the form of personnel cost for the additional hours for their employees and any possible rent/expense paid for off-site polling venues. Whereas precinct officers are paid on a per diem basis, having two shifts work a precinct to cover the hours would double the cost.

On the other hand the Secretary of State, states that cost would be minor, and extended hours would accommodate and promote voting.

## Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

**Data Source(s):** County Clerks Association; Secretary of State, LRC Staff

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